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## **Reps. Macco and Steffen Partner with Local Police Chief to Diversify Hiring Practices for Local Law Enforcement**

**Green Bay...** Representatives John Macco (R-Ledgeview) and David Steffen (R-Howard) released the following statement after announcing legislation to allow the appointment of DACA recipients to local law enforcement agencies.

“When there is so much division and disagreement on what to do next, we need to focus on what we can agree on. This bill will add another tool to local law enforcement’s toolbox and allow them to tap into a well-qualified and diverse pool of candidates that want to serve their communities in a productive and positive way,” said Rep. Macco.

Under current law, DACA recipients cannot serve as police officers or as deputy sheriffs. The proposed legislation would give local law enforcement agencies the authority to adjust their department policies and hire such individuals.

“These are people who can serve in the United States military and can be permitted to serve as state patrol officers. If we trust them to defend the country, then it only makes sense to extend that same trust when they ask to serve and protect their communities,” said Rep. Steffen.

Green Bay Chief of Police, Andrew Smith, partnered with Reps. Macco and Steffen to introduce the legislation earlier today.

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